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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

December 3, 1976

[Handwritten signature]
Mr. E.H. Knoche
Deputy Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Hank:

STAT I have enclosed the memo from
[redacted] dated December 1, 1976,
which we discussed today.

Thanks very much for your assistance
and understanding.

Sincerely,

[Handwritten signature: Peter J. Wallison]
Peter J. Wallison
Counsel to the
Vice President

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[Handwritten signature: Vice President]



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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Ralph E. Martin
Staff Security Officer
Office of the Vice President

FROM :
Acting Director of Security

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SUBJECT : Accreditation of Vault at Vice President's
Residence, Pocantico Hills, New York

REFERENCE : Telephonic Request by Staff Security
Officer, Office of the Vice President
16 November 1976

1. Pursuant to the request of the Staff Security Officer, Office of the Vice President, the vault at the Pocantico Hills, New York, residence of the Vice President was surveyed by CIA security officers in December 1975 to determine its adequacy for storage of classified material. Following the survey certain recommended modifications were effected. The vault now meets the minimum physical security standards for the storage of classified material, including sensitive compartmented information.

2. Unfortunately, there is no precedent for the accreditation of a private residence for the retention of classified material. Thus, at the expiration of the Vice President's term of office, any accreditation would, in fact, become invalid. Although former Presidents have had materials removed to presidential libraries, the classified material in such holdings has been administered and retained under U. S. Government control by the National Archives. Presumably, the material desired by the Vice President could be handled similarly.

3. Under the circumstances, regretfully, CIA has no authority to provide the accreditation requested by the Security Officer to the Vice President.

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